

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1. to 24. (Canceled)

25. (New) A software battery information management apparatus connected to a client terminal via a network, comprising:

first receiving means for receiving, from the client terminal, personal information of a user of the client terminal and type information on a type of software battery;

transmitting means for transmitting, to the client terminal, battery origin data, a user ID and a battery usage management program based on the received personal information and type information;

second receiving means for receiving, from the client terminal, use history for each software application checked by executing the usage management program at the client terminal;

charge calculating means for calculating a charge for use of each of the checked software applications based on the received use history; and

notifying means for notifying the client terminal of the calculated charge for use of each of the software applications checked by the usage management program.

26. (New) A client terminal connected to a software battery information management apparatus via a network, comprising:

first transmitting means for transmitting, to the software battery information

management apparatus, personal information of a user of said client terminal and type information on a type of a software battery;

receiving means for receiving, from the software battery information management apparatus, battery origin data, a user ID and a battery usage management program;

recording means for recording, in accordance with use of a software application, usage of a software battery for each software application checked by executing the battery usage management program at the client terminal, and calculating a remaining amount of the software battery; and

second transmitting means for transmitting, to the software battery information management apparatus, a use history for each software application.

27. (New) A client terminal according to claim 26, further comprising:

generating means for generating the software battery;

notifying means for notifying the software battery information management apparatus that the software battery is generated; and

attribute changing means for changing an attribute of the software application in a case that a response to the notification is received from the software battery information management apparatus.

28. (New) A method of managing software battery information for a client terminal connected to a network, said method comprising:

a first receiving step of receiving, from the client terminal, personal

information of a user of the client terminal and type information on a type of software battery;

a transmitting step of transmitting, to the client terminal, battery origin data, a user ID and a battery usage management program based on the received personal information and type information;

a second receiving step of receiving, from the client terminal, use history for each software application checked by executing the battery usage management program at the client terminal;

a charge calculating step of calculating a charge for use of each of the checked software applications based on the received use history; and

a notifying step of notifying the client terminal of the calculated charge for use of each of the software applications checked by the battery usage management program.

29. (New) A method of managing software battery information at a client terminal connected to a software battery information management apparatus via a network, said method comprising:

a first transmitting step of transmitting, to the software battery information management apparatus, personal information of a user of the client terminal and type information on a type of a software battery;

a receiving step of receiving, from the software battery information management apparatus, battery origin data, a user ID and a battery usage management

program;

a recording step of recording, in accordance with use of an software application, usage of a software battery for each software application checked by executing the battery usage management program at the client terminal, and calculating a remaining amount of the software battery for each of the software applications; and

a second transmitting step of transmitting, to the software battery information management apparatus, a use history for each software application.

30. (New) A computer-readable medium storing program code for managing software battery information for a client terminal connected to a network, said program comprising:

code of a first receiving step of receiving, from the client terminal, personal information of a user of the client terminal and type information on a type of software battery;

code of a transmitting step of transmitting, to the client terminal, battery origin data, a user ID and a battery usage management program based on the received personal information and type information;

code of a second receiving step of receiving, from the client terminal, use history for each software application checked by executing the usage management program at the client terminal;

code of a charge calculating step of calculating a charge for use of each of the checked software applications based on the received use history; and

code of a notifying step of notifying the client terminal of the calculated charge for use of each of the software applications checked by the usage management program.

31. (New) A computer-readable medium storing program code for managing software battery information at a client terminal connected to a software battery information management apparatus via a network, said program code comprising:

code of a first transmitting step of transmitting, to the software battery information management apparatus, personal information of a user of the client terminal and type information on a type of a software battery;

code of a receiving step of receiving, from the software battery information management apparatus, battery origin data, a user ID and a battery usage management program;

code of a recording step of recording, in accordance with use of an software application, usage of a software battery for each software application checked by executing the battery usage management program at the client terminal, and calculating a remaining amount of the software battery for each of the software applications; and

code of a second transmitting step of transmitting, to the software battery information management apparatus, a use history for each of the software applications.